

HOCKEY AT THE ICE PALACE

Triple A and St. Louis Athletic Teams Meet Tonight and Both Expect a Contest to the Finish.
 The hockey teams of the Triple A and the St. Louis Athletic Club will clash tonight at the Ice Palace.
 The Athletic Club team has beaten nearly every other strong team in the city, and they say it is only a question of how badly they will beat the Triple A's. The latter team has not been doing in defeat much this winter and there are many wise ones who say that they are not going to begin at this late date, and consequently a warm contest is looked for.

WOULD LOOP LOOP IN AUTO.

Barney Oldfield May Try Experiment at World's Fair.
 NEW YORK, Jan. 10.—Barney Oldfield of Toledo, O., a bicycle rider of considerable reputation, has lately been performing stunts on a motor car with an auto mobile. To crown his career he now proposes to loop the loop in an auto. The only thing that has prevented him from doing so is the lack of a car. He says it will have to be made of steel or masonry. His idea now is to get a concession from the St. Louis World's Fair Co. to build his loop there and make it one of the attractions at the great Exposition.

BASEBALL

PEACE PROSPECT IS NOW BRIGHTER
THE HAMMER COLUMN
 We respectfully petition that the present legislature consider the appointment of medical inspectors to supervise the baseball game.
 So many disorders have arisen from baseball that to us such a move appears a wise step, as prophylaxis is always preferable to therapeutics.
 (For the information of the state legislature we will say that the translation of this can be found in the list of "slang words and phrases" at the back of the dictionary. It means prevention is better than cure.)
 The astonishing growth of disorders due to baseball is worthy of mention. In the old days when the field was not so crowded and baseball sanitation was better, about the only trouble known was the baseball finger. This trouble was slight and merely interfered with the player's sense of touch. This, of course, was a drawback to the player but was greatly appreciated by his friends and the management.
 Today the roster of afflictions has grown and is still increasing.
 There is the baseball face, the baseball arm, the baseball horse, the baseball head, the baseball regurgitation of the pocket-book, and rheumatism of the conscience.
A MORAL AFFLICTION.
 The characteristics of most of these are well-known, and most of them are due to the so-called development of the game. With the exception of the last-named affliction all are physical. Rheumatism of the conscience, however, is a moral ailment, and more than all the rest, inspires us to invite the attention of legislators.
 In a general way this disease affects the player's appreciation of fact. The disorder is not new, and cannot be said to be peculiar to baseball. The first notable instance was that of Annanias, worthy case we recall is that of Annanias, who developed a remarkable talent for confusing fact and fiction. Later on a prominent Teuton named Baion Muchausen, is on record as having suffered from the same trouble.
 In the baseball player, the trouble is accompanied by an apparent loss of memory, and what he said one day, or what he signed, is entirely forgotten in a week. Intentions avowed one morning are superceded two days later, frequently known to salary receivers, is frequently known to have grown to double its proportions in a single night.
 This must not be confused with certain legitimate instances of changed intentions, as in the case of Patsy Donovan, who announced his retirement from the baseball field some weeks ago, and who yesterday announced that this was all wrong and that he was still manager of the Cardinals.
 In this instance we see merely the usual "last appeal" of the state, which is liable to occur several times before the final setting of the luminary.
 The majority of instances however are not excusable like Donovan's.
 It would be a source of lasting regret if the physical and moral nature of our young baseball athletes were to continue subject to ill such as do exist, and we respectfully petition our able senators from St. Louis, Messrs. Nelson and Collins, to take steps to prevent the further spread of disorders.
"THE SPORT OF KINGS."
 We suggest that those persons who are in the habit of referring to horse racing as "the sport of kings," be cautious in the use of the phrase.
 The accusation is not flattering, and it would be difficult to prove there is some danger of libel suits.
 We are not sufficiently intimate terms with royalty to know just what its connection with the racing game may be. We do know that it has bubbled in hacarot, roulette and other sports, however, and we ourselves and not above entertained the suspicion that it is responsible for horse racing.
 An attempt has been made to shift the responsibility for the existence of racing, on the devoted head of the common gambler. That this view is not always to be relied upon is instanced in the South, where it was shown that the gambler was not responsible for certain reversals of form, but that prominent business men were.
 It is further stated that the new New York track will be a resort for crooks and shady characters, when, as a matter of fact, a state senator is behind it.
 It is, after all, not a great matter who is responsible for the game. The result is invariably the same to the pocketbook, whether kings, business men or crooks run it.
 This is not flattering to our intelligence, but not being ourselves afflicted with rheumatism of the conscience we are compelled to state fact.
"I SAW HIM FIRST."
 "I saw him first" will be the game played at New York next week when Pugilist Jack Munroe arrives at Gotham. The seven dead champions of pugilism ranging from Peter Maher to Bob Arnes will be on hand when the train arrives bearing the alleged conqueror of Jeffries, each prepared to beat the other man to the plum and defiantly cast down the gage of battle.
 Under ordinary conditions Munroe could hardly feel complimented at the reception by the graveyard committee. It savors of the belief on the part of the waiting shades of past greatness that the expected arrival is easy.
 The pride of Munroe has shown no indication of revolting at the prospect, however, and it is probable that to save his reputation he will propose a handicap.
 It is a remote possibility that one or two of the seven may be ringers, and not quite dead after all.
Brit Will Not Meet Corbett.
 NEW YORK, Jan. 10.—There seems to be no prospect of a fight between Corbett and Jimmy Britt, today that Corbett positively would not fight the former at the weight he proposed—135 pounds at 3 o'clock. Corbett says that Britt can get a match if he will come down to 135 pounds at 3 o'clock, otherwise not.

BASEBALL

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T. F. M.'s Won Out in the Meyer Bros. Aggregation.
 Two more checked-at leagues concluded their first championship series last night, the Mound City and the Meyer Brothers organizations. The race in both leagues was a close one, and last night's matches played an important part in both.
 In the Mound City, the Consumers trimmed the Blue Ribbons, 2 to 1, and the victory tied them with their opponents for first place. The two teams are but one game apart from the Blue Ribbons.
 In the Meyer Brothers League, the fast work of the T. F. M.'s against the Blue Ribbons, 2 to 1, and the victory from whom they won four games, landed the former in first place in the league with a margin of one game over the Blue Ribbons. The Mikes finished third, one game back of the runner up.
 Notwithstanding the finish in the Mound City was close, the contest was poorly attended. The average attendance of the bowlers was all out of form and no less than four games under 30 were bowled by different players at various times. The Mikes was the only man to rise above the commonplace, he scoring an average of over 30 for the five games.
 The matches in the Meyer Brothers League were fairly good. David of the T. F. M. did excellent work for the Blue Ribbons, his average of 38.45 being near the high-water mark made in any of the leagues. Thomas, 60, and Duckworth, 53.5 for the Mikes finished third, one game back of the runner up.
 The Olympic and the Chicago were furnished the best exhibition of the evening. The Olympic played the Aome all night, and though the Chocwaws averaged almost two pins more than the enemy, they lost the game 3 to 2.
 Following are last night's scores in the various leagues:
MOUND CITY LEAGUE.
 Name. C. M. 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. T. A. V.
 Handley. 7 12 20 27 45 47 56 248 40 4-5
 Loeffel. 7 12 20 27 45 47 56 248 40 4-5
 Michael. 14 30 33 37 49 49 49 209 40 4-5
 Lee. 7 12 20 27 45 47 56 248 40 4-5
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 Totals. 47 117 232 241 170 241 1110 44 10-25
BLUE RIBBONS.
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OFFICE MEN'S CLUB LEAGUE.
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